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North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center , 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113



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On the Cover: Rusty Corvair on a Route 66 Adventure

Sasha and Val in Gallup, NM on Route 66 (lower right)

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From the
Greg Nelson

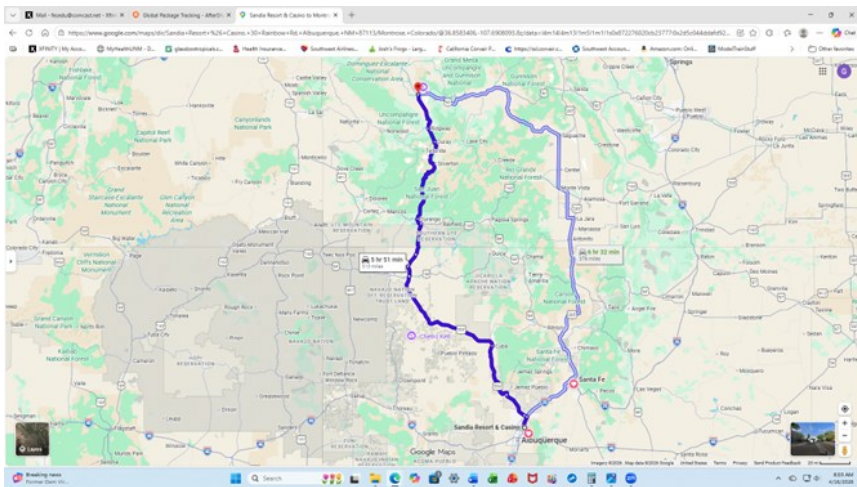


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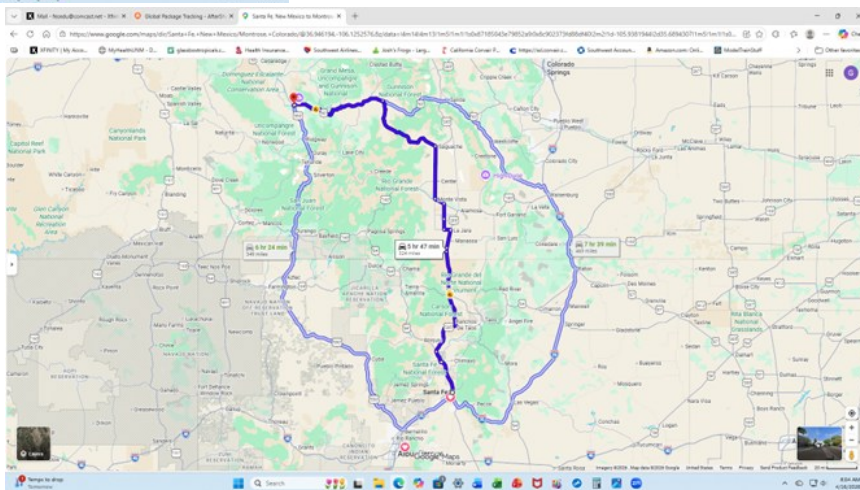
CNM May 2026 Newsletter Articles—Greg Nelson

Tri-State

The May meeting will be the last chance to discuss the Montrose Tri-State logistics. There is a group leaving Santa Fe on Thursday the 4th and a group leaving Albuquerque on the 5th. The Albuquerque group is meeting at the Sandia Casino gas station at 9:00am. The group will stop in Durango (see map below) to gas up and take a break. We can chat about lunch options during the meeting. I will bring tools and a few spare parts with me. I will be driving my 2024 Subaru.



Here are two possible routes. The one on the left goes though Bernalillo or below driving through Santa Fe.



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Report for CNM Treasury Account for March 2026

Date	Check	Amount	Payee	Description	Amt	Running Balance
1-Feb-26						\$6,341.00
1-Feb-26	Cash	70.00	McDuffie, Russ	Membership 1 year CORSA & CNM exp Feb 27	70.00	\$6,411.00

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June Meeting

Since the Tri-State lands on the first weekend in June there will be no club meeting that month. We will put out an abridged newsletter.



Trash Day

I will bring the club's trash day tools to the May meeting because I will not be able to participate in May or June. My brother's oldest daughter graduates from The University of North Texas on May 10th. For the June trash day I will be in Las Vegas, NV to see a bucket list concert on Friday night and I will return Saturday afternoon.

Robert Gold has procured a handful of new safety vests with flashing LEDs. There should be enough for the core group of volunteers. If you are interested, please take one with you. Thank You Robert!!!

64 Monza

I finally managed to get the heater vents reinstalled on the '64. What took so long? I did not take a photo of them before removing them and forgot how they were oriented. I finally managed to figure it out, but I learned a lesson for the next time. Take a picture first!



Elections

Elections? Is it May, right? A bit soon is it not? Yes, because this will be my last year as President. That is a 5-year run. We should get someone with new ideas to take the helm. Please consider taking the post for at least one year. If the position is not too taxing, then the candidate is welcome to continue if they like.

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Route 66 Visitors

A young couple, Sasha and Val, from the City of Orange in southern California are traveling on Route 66 on a trek from California to Chicago and they passed through Albuquerque on April 24th. We met them and their two young children (ages 2 and 3 years old) at the Sawmill Market for dinner. They are on Instagram and Facebook as the "RustyVair". We had a fantastic time together and I will keep track of their progress. After they get to Chicago, they will then head to Gettysburg for the annual CORSA convention in late June. (Steve took plenty of photos for the newsletter).



CNM Meeting April 4, 2026—David Huntoon

VP Robert presiding in Greg's absence.

It was a light turnout due to the Easter weekend.

Robert & Anne Mae Gold, Brenda Stickler, Lupe & Jim Arellanes, Rita & Steve Gongora, Robert Weinberg, Jim Pittman were in attendance.

In the future Robert will be having a talk on "How to Steal a Corvair"

A car show to benefit NM Feed the Kids will be after meeting near the Old Car Garage at Phil Lovato's place – Phil and Sons

Treasurer Jim reports \$6441.00 current.

May 7th is the Museum Car Show – Let's get a better group of Corvairs – This year is no conflict with the Tri-State – Meet at 7:00 AM – Robert will save a few spots (with his cones) for CNM Members. David Huntoon will bring the CNM Banner and transfer to Robert at the next meeting.

VP Robert had an observation about our last Rt 66 cleanup. A concern that we should consider an upgrade to our safety vests. There are now vests of greater visibility that just may prevent any incidents as this is a high traffic area at times. Some vests now have a flashing series of lights. Agreed to check price and availability. Next clean-up is scheduled for April 11, 2026 at 8:30 AM and then May 9 at 8:30 AM

David brought an owner's manual and, well used "How to Fix Your Corvair" to Liam Dyson. He will keep it for the next time.

All the recently ordered jackets are delivered.

We also tentatively will schedule a Bingo event later this year. Perhaps November.

David brought up that we haven't had many breakfast get togethers. We will have a few during the summer months.

No news on Pat's recovery process. Hopefully things are going well.

Early Model Corvair under cover at 7301 Avenida la Costa, Albuquerque, NM. Owner passed away.

Steve showed an Unsafe Production video of the military prototype all terrain vehicle. The Goat. A modified FC cab with a utility trailer. Articulated with 4wd large tires and short overhangs. Everybody wants one. Curious if one or two still exist in the back of some giant warehouse somewhere.

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Schedule of Events

Club Matters	Saturday, May 2, ** TBD **	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1 st Saturday, 10am: *** TBD ***** Possible CANCEL
Club Matters	Saturday, May 9,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
Car Show Invite	Sunday, May 17,	7:00 AM	NM Car Council Museum Car Show; Meet to caravan in to the show
Club Matters	Wednesday, May 20,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3 rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Club Matters	Wednesday, May 27,	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting -- 4 th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Club Matters	Friday, May 29,	--	Deadline for Newsletter -4 th Friday
Club Matters	June 6 *Cancelled *	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1 st Saturday, 10am:
Tri-State	June 5-7		50th Anniversary Tri-State , June 5-7, in beautiful Montrose, CO https://pikespeakcorvair.org/2026-tri-state-final/
Club Matters	Saturday, June 13,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
Club Matters	Wednesday, June 17,	7:00 PM	Board Meeting--3 rd Wednesday via Zoom, 7pm
Social	Sunday, June 21,	~ 9am	Fathers' Day Car Show in Edgewood; meet at Wal-Mart; caravan ~ 9am
Club Matters	Wednesday, June 24,	6:30 PM	Car Council Meeting -- 4 th Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Manzano Mesa Senior Center , 501 Elizabeth St SE, Alb, NM 87123
Club Matters	Friday, June 26,	--	Deadline for Newsletter -4 th Friday
Club Matters	Saturday, July 4, **TBD**	10:00 AM	Members' Meeting--1 st Saturday, 10am:
Club Matters	Saturday, July 11,	8:30 AM	TRASH-PICK UP on Route 66; meet at Cider Bar; 340-364 NM-33; frontage parking lot
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Social	Saturday, August 15,	TBD	Origami Park -- Group trip North Tijeras; South Santa Fe
Social	Sunday, September 20,	TBD	State Fair Car Show
Social	Sunday, October 11,	TBD	Balloon Fiesta Car Show
			TBD=To be Determined/Changed



Happy Birthday

Anne Mae Gold
May 28



Robert & Ann Mae Gold
May 13

Help us keep our club mile marker clean!



Join us for any of the
following dates:

Saturday, May 9

Saturday, June 13

Saturday, July 11

Let's meet at Cider Bar frontage parking lot;
340-364 NM-33; at 8:30 AM

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GO GET A CAR—Jim Pittman

Francis Boydston used to ask me occasionally if I wanted to go with him to see a Corvair for sale. It was always a fun trip to go somewhere with Francis. Sometimes he'd buy the car, sometimes not. Usually the seller would have dollar signs in his eyes. Francis would always try to explain to the seller what mechanical repairs he thought the car might need and how much they might cost. The dollar signs would gradually lose their luster as the explanation continued. Maybe Francis would talk the asking price down, maybe he'd walk away. Once he decided not to buy a nice 1966 Monza sedan. I liked the car and I went back and bought it and it gave me many miles of pleasant driving for several years.

In March of 1988 Francis invited me on a different kind of Corvair-buying trip. This one was a done deal and we would be going along on the ride to help load the car and bring it home to Albuquerque. One of the founders of CNM, Dale Housley, had been a New Mexico State Police officer. When he was transferred to Las Cruces he had to sell his Corvair. Now he was retired, back in Albuquerque and wanted another Corvair. He found a good 1965 Monza but he wanted more -- a 140-HP Corsa. And he was hyped up to find, rebuild and restore a suitable rust-free car. He located one in Los Alamos.

Dale had borrowed a big pick-up and a bigger trailer. On the appointed morning we climbed in and headed north. In Los Alamos there was a dusting of snow and some early-morning ice but we went to the address and found the Corvair parked under some aspen trees. We winched it up a slope and secured it to the trailer. Dale bought us a big breakfast in White Rock and we went to visit CNM member Robin DeVore who had parts for sale. Then we headed for I-25 and Albuquerque and drove to the warehouse where he had arranged to store his "new" Corvair until he could start working on it. Dale had to return the truck and trailer and asked me if I'd drive his white 1965 Monza coupe to pick him up.

I thought the '65 Monza was a very nice car. It had a 110-HP engine and a four-speed with a 3.27 differential and a pretty red interior. Everything worked fine and it did not have a speck of rust anywhere. I learned later that the previous owner worked at Sandia Labs and bought the car new at Ed Black's. He drove it to work five days a week for years and when Dale bought it, it was in perfect shape. Dale, the former police officer, found that it handled faster-than-legal freeway speeds great with the 3.27 axle.

I ask Dale what he'd do with the '65 when he was done restoring his "new" Corsa. "Sell it, I guess," he said. "Give me first shot at buying it when you are ready," I said.

Dale proceeded to rebuild that Corsa. He constructed a shop building in his back yard to work on it. He repaired the body and painted it Corvair Gold. He disassembled and re-built the engine. During the restoration process he kept the club up-to-date on all the details and asked for advice from time to time. As I recall, Bill Reider and Sylvan Zuercher offered tech tips. As far as I can remember the end result was a tour-de-force

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and we were all happy for him, but I'm sure not as happy as Dale. He had his dream car at last!

When Dale called me and told me his asking price for the '65 I was happy to pay it. Now I'd have a highway car to go with my other Corvairs, all with 3.55 axles. I was a little worried about having "only" a 110-HP engine but I soon got over it because the 110 was a smooth and happy engine. The lack of rust was a big factor in my overall satisfaction. I drove the car via Taos to the Tri-State in Red River, Colorado in 1989. As it happened, this car was the last Corvair I owned and I had it for a total of 29 years. My last drive with it was to the August 2016 NMCCC picnic at Oak Flat. Dale's Corvair project was my good fortune!

Dues Due

send your Dues to:
**CNM Treasurer
Jim Arellanes
57 Granny Trail
Tijeras, NM 87059**

Makes Checks Payable to: CNM or Corvairs of New Mexico

Schedule of Dues: CNM: 12 months = \$25.00 or 26 months = \$50.00 - CORSA: 12 months = \$60.00 or 26 months = \$120.00

If you want to pay CNM and CORSA to Treasurer: Both memberships 12 months = \$85.00 or 26 months = \$170.00

Wiker	Anne	January-25	OVERDUE
Battaile	Corbett	November-25	OVERDUE
Kitts	Maggie	November-25	OVERDUE
Morgan	Mark	March-26	OVERDUE
Dinsdale	John	April-26	* approaching *
Gold	Art	April-26	* approaching *
Gongora	Steve	April-26	* approaching *
Hall	Pat	April-26	* approaching *
Lubert	Lube	April-26	* approaching *



47 Days until Tri-State!

We have extended our Tee-Shirt order deadline to Thursday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. MDT!

If you haven't registered for Tri-State, or if you have and still want a Tee-Shirt, this is your last chance.

You can register online or print out a registration form and send it with your check to the address on the form.

If you are registering manually, please email me if you are ordering a Tee-shirt.

The other deadlines will not change, so...

Thursday, April 30 is the last day you can receive a discounted rate at our host hotel.

When making hotel reservations, use the local line and ask for the front desk ((970) 765-0122).

Sunday, May 3 is the last day you can make banquet reservations.

All information is available on our [website](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). We're looking forward to a fabulous event, and it just won't be right without YOU! Kathy Green—PPCC Secretary/Tri-State Registrar

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Message for Tri-State Clubs from Nathan King

CNM Officers, Utah club needs help with 2027 Tri-State

As our club begins discussing hosting the Tri-State event, I wanted to reach out to gather some input from clubs that have hosted or helped organize the event in the past.

Could you share what your club typically plans when hosting the Tri-State? For example, what types of activities or events you usually organize throughout the day or weekend.

I'd also appreciate any insight into what it typically costs your club to host the event, as well as what you usually charge attendees for registration or participation.

Another thing we're trying to understand is the amount of manpower needed. About how many volunteers does it usually take to run the event successfully?

When hosting do you typically use CORSA's insurance for the venue, or do you go a different route for event coverage?

Finally, moving forward with hosting, would there be anyone in your club who might be willing to help or assist during the event? As our club is really small we only have 5-10 active members

Any advice or lessons learned from your experiences would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and for helping us plan a great event for the Corvair community.

Best regards,

Nathan King President—Bonneville Corvair Club—Chapter 840

Meeting with the Rusty Vair—Steve Gongora

What started as a post, ended up with great opportunity to meet with some of our Corvair Community friends from Orange County, CA. Val and Sasha were making a trek from California to Chicago on Route 66. This trip was on his newly acquired Greenbrier with an extended roof. Did I mention they were accompanied by Ariaah and Zachy their 3 and 2 year old kiddos. They are a brave couple. They were seeing if anyone was having any Corvair activities in New Mexico. Dave Huntoon took the lead and suggested that we should meet with them. Things came together and we met on Friday April 24th at 4:30 PM at the Sawmill Market near Old Town. Tarmo drove his Red 1966 Corsa turbo convertible. We were joined by one of the founding members, Dale Housley. Dale retired from the State Police Department 40 years ago. You'll find a story on Dale on page 7.

The Rusty Van is set up for camping. They don't have to stay in hotels. They plan to attend this years CORSA National Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I want to mention Sasha's ability to take a great photo. Some of her shots are truly amazing. They capture the essence of the old Mother Road Route 66. You can find her photos in this newsletter on page 14 & 15

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Posted by David Huntoon
Mar 14 · 🌐

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RustyVair · 1h
Hi! We're driving route 66 from CA to Chicago and plan to be in New Mexico next week. Do you have any events going on or any recommendations? Would love to meet up with some Corvair folks.

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Richard Hawk · 4w
Great activity for any club 👍

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Dave Huntoon thought it would be fun to compare wages from back in 1967 for his 'hazardous duty pay' in the Air Force. He spent two years at sea. Thank you for your time and sacrifice for your country. \$1700.00 doesn't get you too much today. It is amazing what we could live on in those days.

CNM Board Meeting April 15, 2026

Greg Nelson, Robert Gold, Steve Gongora, Jim & Lupe Arellanes logged on for our board meeting.

We talked about cautionary measures to increase the safety of our clean-up crew on the Route 66 highway. Robert Gold purchased flashing vest for visibility. Steve Gongora offered to transfer the CNM patches to the new vests. Lupe suggested a sandwich board to let people know of the activity as well. Greg has the poster.

Dave Huntoon talked about the caravan to the Tri-State in Montrose Colorado. He said it should require a fill-up in Durango, Colorado from Albuquerque to make it to our destination. For those who want to caravan on the Friday June 5, meet at the gas station on the south side of Sandia Casino at 9:00 AM.

Robert Gold was encouraging members to show their cars for this year's Museum Show. It doesn't conflict with the Tri-State. The show is on May 17th and everyone should be there by 7:00 AM.

We were discussing a way to check on Pat Hall. He has been difficult to get hold of.

Photos from April 24, 2026—Rusty Vair passes through Albuquerque By Steve Gongora



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Eagles Concert in Las Vegas playing “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” by Jim Arellanes



Under the glowing desert sky, Las Vegas looked amazing with all the shining light as my flight arrived.

I could see the Sphere at The Venetian rising above the Strip like something from another world, its massive screen alive with shifting colors. One moment it looked like a giant moon. The next, it became a blazing sunset over a lonely highway, the kind of road that seemed to stretch forever.

As my brother and I approached the Sphere, you could see people pouring toward it from every direction, hours before the start of the concert.

Some wore vintage Eagles T-shirts faded from decades of concerts. Some were younger, discovering the music through parents, grandparents, or late-night drives. Everywhere, there was the same feeling in the air: excitement, nostalgia, and the strange sense that everyone was about to step into a memory.

Inside, the Sphere felt even bigger. The concert attendees purchased any type of food and drinks you desired.

Inside the concert area, the ceiling curved endlessly overhead, wrapping the crowd in light. The seats filled slowly, voices buzzing, drinks clinking, people pointing upward in amazement. Then the lights dimmed.

A hush rolled through the arena. For a second, there was only darkness. Then a single guitar chord rang out. The crowd erupted.

The Eagles stepped into the light, and suddenly the Sphere transformed around them. The walls became a desert highway at dusk, painted in gold and purple. Stars appeared above the band, so sharp and bright they looked real. As the music swelled, the whole room seemed to move--not like a concert hall, but like a dream.

You could easily recognize several of the original band members.

I had never seen the Eagles. My brother had seen the Eagles once when he was young, back when his hair was dark living the college life. Now he sat quietly, eyes fixed on the stage, his hands folded in his lap.

“I never thought I’d hear this live again.”

As the band played, the Sphere shifted from city lights to open desert, from ocean waves to a quiet canyon under moonlight. Every song felt like a different place. The harmonies floated through the arena, clear and warm, and

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thousands of people sang along--not perfectly, but with feeling. Attendees held their phones up taking selfies and videos. The music brought back memories. "Road trips, heartbreaks, first jobs, bad decisions, good friends. It all comes back."

The concert was not just about the band. It was about time. It was about the way music can hold pieces of a person's life and give them back years later, still glowing.

The final notes rang out slowly. No one moved at first. Then the applause rose like thunder.

My brother stood, clapping hard, his face bright with joy. I stood beside him, cheering too. I fully understand what those songs meant to him since I heard them when I was young.

Outside, the Las Vegas air was cool. The Sphere glowed behind them, now showing soft waves of blue and silver. We looked back at it one more time. "That," he said, "was something I'll never forget."

As we walked back toward the lights of the Strip, the music still seemed to follow them--down the sidewalk, into the desert night, and into the quiet places where memories live.



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